GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME
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Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of under-nourished children in each State and Union Territory as per the latest count;

(b) the allocation of central funds for implementation of the Integrated Child Development Scheme during the last three years and current year, State and UT-wise; and

(c) the goals and targets fixed under the scheme for this year and the preceding three years and the extent to which the same have been achieved?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) FOR WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY)

(a),(b)&(c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a),(b) & (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 28 FOR 25.7.2006 BY SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA REGARDING INTEGRATED CHILD DEVELOPMENT SCHEME

(a) The National Level data on undernourishment among children is compiled through the National Family Health Survey (NFHS). The latest data available from NFHS-2 (1998- 99) on state-wise distribution of undernourished children upto three years is at Annexure-I. The work relating to NFHS-3 is underway at present and findings are likely to be available by the end of the year.

(b) Government of India is implementing the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme to improve the nutritional status of the children (0-6 years). State-wise details of funds released under the ICDS Scheme during the last three years and in the current year so far is enclosed at Annexure-II.

(c) Objective of the ICDS Scheme, inter-alia, is to reduce prevalence of malnutrition amongst children below six years of age. The goal set, in the Xth Plan, for reducing malnutrition amongst children, is to bring down prevalence of under-weight children under three years from the current level of 47% to 40% and to reduce prevalence of severe under- nutrition in children in the 0-6 years age group by 50%. Targets under ICDS Scheme are fixed for improving the outreach of programme by operationalising the ICDS Projects sanctioned by the Government from time to time. State-wise details of ICDS Projects sanctioned, targeted for operationalisation and actually operationalised during the last three years, is enclosed at Annexure-III. While there was, some short fall in operationalisation of sanctioned Projects earlier, there has been considerable improvement in the last year or two resulting in significant increase in the number of beneficiaries as is evident from the details given below:

(in lakhs)

Year ending	Beneficiaries for Supplementary Nutrition	Beneficiaries for PSE
March 2004	415.08	204.38
March 2005	484.42	218.41
December 2005	546.31	237.64